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Re: Serial No.: 10/036,423  
Applicant(s): Robin L. BERG  
Filing Date: January 7, 2002  
For: HIGH STRENGTH RIB FOR STORAGE TANKS  
Group Art Unit: 3727  
Examiner: J. MEREK

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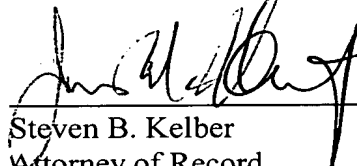
Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Response to Restriction Requirement

Our check in the amount of \$ 0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary extension of time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to Deposit Account No. 50-1442. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a request is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated March 3, 2003, Applicants elect, albeit with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-48, drawn to a rib for a tank and a tank with a rib, for further prosecution at this time. Furthermore, in response to the election of species requirement, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group C, Figure 5, and identify Claims 1-8, 31-42, and 48 as readable on the species in Figure 5. Also, in response to the election of sub-species requirement, Applicants elect, with traverse, species II (graphite as the high modulus material) from Group a; species I (dry alarm) from Group b; and species II (plastic film) from Group c.

**REMARKS**

The Examiner has required restriction in the above-identified application as follows:

I. Claims 1-48, drawn to a rib for a tank and a tank with a rib, classified in class 220, subclass 560.03; and

II. Claims 49-56, drawn to a method of making a rib, classified in class 29, subclass 428.

Additionally, the Examiner has also required an election between the species of Figures 3, 4, 5, 7, and 11 - 15.

The Examiner has also required an election between the follow sub-species: